

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims, as filed and as amended in the First Preliminary Amendment, in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): An image-forming system comprising an object, a multi-element magnifying optical path and focal length varying means for addition, adjustment or removal of one or more elements in the optical path in order to vary the distance between a viewer's eye and the system, at which distance the magnified object can be viewed.

Claim 2 (original): A system according to claim 1, wherein the focal length varying means comprises means for moving one or more optical elements, into and out of the optical path.

Claim 3 (original): A system according to claim 2, wherein the focal length varying means comprises means for moving a flat aspherical fresnel lens into and out of the optical path.

Claim 4 (original): A system according to claim 1, wherein the focal length varying means comprises an electro-optical element.

Claim 5 (original): A system according to claim 4, wherein the electro-optical element comprises a liquid crystal lens.

Claim 6 (original): A system according to claim 4, wherein the electro-optical element comprises a programmable diffractive element.

Claims 7-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (new): A system according to claim 1, wherein the object is light-emissive.

Claim 15 (new): A system according to claim 14, wherein the object is arranged to emit polarized light.

Claim 16 (new): A system according to claim 1, wherein the object is light-reflective.

Claim 17 (new): A system according to claim 1, wherein a polarizer is located between the object and the optical path.

Claim 18 (new): A system according to claim 1, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.

Claim 19 (new): A system according to claim 1, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a holographic analogue of a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.

Claim 20 (new): A system according to claim 1, wherein light emitted from the object is collimated.

Claim 21 (new): A system according to claim 3, wherein the object is light-emissive and arranged to emit polarized light.

Claim 22 (new): A system according to claim 3, wherein the object is light-reflective.

Claim 23 (new): A system according to claim 3, wherein a polarizer is located between the object and the optical path.

Claim 24 (new): A system according to claim 3, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a curved beamsplitter or a holographic analogue of a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.

Claim 25 (new): A system according to claim 4, wherein the object is light-emissive and arranged to emit polarized light.

Claim 26 (new): A system according to claim 4, wherein the object is light-reflective.

Claim 27 (new): A system according to claim 4, wherein the optical path comprises, in order, a curved beamsplitter or a holographic analogue of a curved beamsplitter, a first quarter wave plate, a planar beamsplitter, a second quarter-wave plate and a linear polarizer.